

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**Please amend the claims as follows:**

1. (Previously presented) A play-back device comprising:
  - a plurality of play-back sources;
  - a plurality of output units for outputting the play-back signals from the individual play-back sources;
  - a selecting unit for selecting at least one of the play-back sources; and
  - a control unit for controlling the selecting unit so as to select the at least one of the play-back sources for outputting the play-back signals to be outputted to the output units, in response to an operation,wherein the control unit includes:
  - a fluctuation deciding unit for selecting, when the at least one of the play-back sources is selected and when the operation to output the play-back signals from the at least one of the play-back sources to at least one of the output units is detected, the at least one of the play-back sources relating to the operation, thereby to decide whether a fluctuation occurs in the play-back signals to be outputted from the output units other than the at least one of the output units relating to the operation; and
  - a selection inhibiting unit for inhibiting the selection and change to the at least one of the play-back sources relating to the operation, when the fluctuation occurring in the play-back signals is decided by the fluctuation deciding unit, andwherein the control unit selectively executes a play-back mode skipping operation when the selection inhibiting unit inhibits the selection and changes to the at least one of the play-back sources relating to the operation.

2-3. (Canceled)

4. (Previously presented) A play-back device according to Claim 1, wherein at least one of the output units comprises a speaker, and wherein at least one of the output units comprises a headphone.

5-7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously presented) A play-back device according to Claim 1, wherein the control unit determines whether the play-back mode skipping operation is accompanied by a band change from a front side of the play-back device.
9. (Previously presented) A play-back device according to Claim 1, wherein the control unit controls the selecting unit to output the play-back signals in one of a single mode and a dual mode.
10. (Previously presented) A play-back device according to Claim 1, further comprising a front operation unit and a rear operation unit.
11. (Previously presented) A play-back device according to Claim 10, wherein the selection inhibiting unit inhibits the selection and change to the at least one of the play-back sources relating to an operation from the rear operation unit.
12. (Previously presented) A play-back device according to Claim 9, wherein the selection inhibiting unit inhibits the selection and change to the at least one of the play-back sources while in the dual mode.
13. (Previously presented) A play-back device according to Claim 1, wherein the selecting unit comprises a single mode/dual mode setting device.
- 14-17. (Canceled)
18. (New) The play-back device of claim 1, wherein said play-back mode skipping operation is executed when a designated play-back mode is accompanied by a band change on a front side selection.
19. (New) The play-back device of claim 1, wherein said play-back mode skipping operation is executed when a designated preset channel (Pch) does not have a band identical to a band of a front side selection.